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Many people come to analysis appearing quite ordinary on the surface. However, once below that surface, there often appear extraordinary protections created to keep at bay any awareness of deeply traumatic happenings occurring at some point in life. This book investigates the development and function of these protections, allowing the reader to witness the evolution of the process of transformation wherein defensiveness steadily mutates into communication. Clinical observations are detailed with a variety of analytic concepts, and original notions provide valuable tools for understanding the infantile transference/countertransference for the refinement of current techniques with primitive mental states. The following chapters are included: (1) "Transference Interpretation and the Emergence of Infantile Dependency in Ordinary People"; (2) "Extra-Ordinary Protections: The Evolution of the Theory of Adhesive Identification"; (3) "Ordinary People and Extra-Ordinary Protections"; (4) "The 'Flying Dutchman' and the Search for a Containing Object"; (5) "Chloe: From Pre-Conception to After Birth"; (6) "Unbearable Ecstasy, Reverence and Awe, and the Perpetuation of an 'Aesthetic Conflict'"; (7) "Never Before and Never Again" (8) "Changes of Mind: On Thinking Things Through in the Countertransference"; (9) "Concluding Thoughts." (Contains 188 references.) (ADT)

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